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CADIGAN PARK TO UNDERGO \$5M MODERNIZATION

Article from April 17, 2014 News-Times:

BROOKFIELD -- Cadigan Park is about to be transformed into a state-of-the-art sports facility with artificial turf, new tennis and basketball courts, and the renovation of the park's bathrooms and picnic pavilion.

The first half of a two-phase, \$5 million parks revitalization project, which includes the town beach property across the street, is about to get underway. The [Board of Selectmen](#) voted 2-1 last week to award a \$2.3 million bid to Land Tech of Amityville, N.Y.

Although Brookfield-based Iapaluccio bid \$500,000 less than Land Tech, the New York company's experience building artificial turf fields was the difference, the [Municipal Building Committee](#) said.

Given difficulties with multiple contractors working on [Brookfield High School's](#) athletic fields several years ago, the town specified one contractor for the entire field system.

First Selectman Bill Tinsley cast the dissenting vote. He preferred to hire the local firm, with Land Tech as subcontractor for the fields.

Parks and Recreation Director [Dennis DiPinto](#) said once the contract paperwork is completed in the next week or so, he expects the groundbreaking to take place. The goal is to have the field project ready for youth football practice this summer and fall.

Although contingency plans have been made to schedule those practices at the high school, DiPinto said he hopes that will not be necessary.

"If all goes well, and it never rains, we're still shooting for mid-August to open up the field section of the project," DiPinto said.

The other half of the Cadigan renovation will include the construction of new tennis courts, a basketball court, a half-mile walking trail and parking lot improvements. The bathrooms and picnic pavilion will also be renovated, though as part of the second half of renovations to the town beach.

DiPinto said he is pleased with the progress of the parks revitalization, noting that 13 companies picked up bid documents and nine companies submitted official bids. The bidders were then narrowed to two finalists, he said.

DiPinto said the second phase of the project -- a town beach renovation that will include the construction of a new concession/lifeguard station and bathhouse -- will begin in September, so it doesn't interfere with the summer swimming season. Bids for that job will be taken in June.

"It's been a long journey to get Cadigan to just be in construction, and so it's really exciting now," said Selectman Bill Davidson, who during his previous four-year administration as first selectman had the park's revitalization at the top of his priority list.

DiPinto said it will yield a high-caliber facility that should last the town 30 or 40 years.

The News-Times incorrectly reported: “Although Brookfield-based Iapaluccio bid **\$500,000** less than Land Tech...”

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